## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE



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## 2017/18 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial harvest of sea cucumbers in Southeast Alaska during the 2017/18 season.

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on March 12, March 13, March 14, March 19, March 20, March 21, March 26, March 27, and March 28, 2018:

## District 13:

Southern Sitka Sound (Subdistricts 113-38 and 41).

South Mitkof and North Zarembo Islands (Subdistrict 108-30) currently has GHL remaining. If divers and processors are interested in harvesting the remaining GHL in this area, please contact the department. If there is interest, this area may reopen.

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the September 13, 2017, sea cucumber fishery news release announcing the open areas and their GHLs. This will be the final news release for the 2017/2018 season; however, if the Southern Sitka Sound GHL is reached or if there is interest in fishing South Mitkof and North Zarembo Islands a new release announcing management actions will be issued on either Thursday, March 15 or Thursday, March 22, 2018.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1518.

News releases web site: <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</a>.

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